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SUBJECT: US-EC ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTATIONS

REF: EC BRUSSELS 5829, STATE 110452

1. MISSION MAY INFORM EC OFFICIALS THAT WE AGREE TO  
AGENDA TRANSMITTED REFTEL. AT SAME TIME, HOWEVER, MISSION  
REQUESTED TRANSMIT FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON CERTAIN ITEMS.

2. WE BELIEVE IT DESIRABLE AND USEFUL TO SPEND FIRST  
HOUR OR TWO OF FIRST MORNING DISCUSSING GENERAL ENVIRON-  
MENTAL POLICY ISSUES OF INTEREST. U.S. SIDE WILL BE  
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TALBOT, ASSISTANT TO CHAIRMAN OF CEQ FOR INTERNATIONAL  
AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS. FROM U.S. SIDE, WE WOULD PLAN  
OUTLINE MAIN POINTS CONTAINED PRESIDENT'S RECENT ENVIRON-  
MENTAL MESSAGE AND GENERAL DIRECTIONS OF THE NEW ADMINIS-  
TRATION IN KEY ENVIRONMENTAL AREAS SUCH AS CLEAN AIR ACT  
AMENDMENTS, ENERGY-ENVIRONMENT. FROM THE EC, WE WOULD  
VERY MUCH APPRECIATE HEARING ANY SIGNIFICANT NEW BROAD

POLICY DEVELOPMENTS, INCLUDING A RUNDOWN OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NEW FIVE-YEAR PLAN.

3. BECAUSE OF THE GENERAL, POLICY LEVEL INTEREST IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT SUBJECT (PARA 2.F, REFTEL), WE SUGGEST IT BE NEXT ITEM ON AGENDA, TO BEGIN LATE MORNING JUNE 27. IN RELATION POINTS RAISED REFTEL, WE WILL HAVE SOME INTERESTING DEVELOPMENTS TO DISCUSS, INCLUDING NEW INITIATIVES TO TRY TO IMPROVE THE EIS PROCESS, AND WAYS IN WHICH IT IS BEING INTEGRATED INTO THE GOVERNMENT PLANNING PROCESS. WE ARE VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ISSUE IN RELATION TO DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE, AND HOPE IT WILL BE A TWO-WAY DISCUSSION. WE ANTICIPATE THAT THE EC DELEGATION WILL BE PREPARED TO PRESENT IN SOME DETAIL THE STATUS OF ITS DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY-WIDE GUIDELINES, INCLUDING ANY INTERESTING PROBLEMS OR NEW APPROACHES. LASTLY, CONCERNING ISSUE OF "PUBLIC PARTICIPATION," THERE ARE SOME GENERAL POINTS IT WOULD BE WORTH DISCUSSING (E.G., HOW CITIZENS GET INVOLVED), BUT WE WONDER WHETHER THE NARROW ISSUE OF "CITIZEN RIGHT TO SUE" (AS THE TOPIC WAS FIRST BROACHED LAST JULY -- PARA 9, BRUSSELS 7055(76)) WOULD REALLY BE OF MUTUAL BENEFIT TO DISCUSS, RECOGNIZING THE DIFFERENCES IN LEGAL SYSTEMS INVOLVED. IF EC NONETHELESS WISHES TO ADDRESS THAT SPECIFIC THEME UNDER THE BROADER ISSUE OF "PUBLIC PARTICIPATION," PLEASE ADVISE.

4. CONCERNING PESTICIDES, WE WILL AS NOTED PREVIOUSLY DISCUSS OUR REGISTRATION PROCEDURES. IN RELATION TO UNCLASSIFIED

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HEALTH EFFECTS, WE ARE PREPARED TO DISCUSS HOW THIS ISSUE AFFECTS REGISTRATION, AND DISCUSS VERY BRIEFLY THE THREE SPECIFIC TOPICS NOTED PREVIOUSLY (STATE 110452, PARA 3). WILL EC BE PREPARED TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES? ARE THERE ANY OTHER PARTICULAR TOPICS EC LIKELY TO RAISE?

5. FROM PHONE CONVERSATION WITH HIM, WE UNDERSTAND THAT BOURDEAU WILL NOT BE COMING TO WASHINGTON. WE ASSUME HIS ABSENCE WILL ONLY RESULT IN "STATUS REPORTS" AGENDA ITEM BEING DELETED. (EPA IS PREPARED TO MAKE BRIEF STATEMENTS FOR THE RECORD REGARDING THE LEAD STUDY AND THE RECENT EPA/EC/WHO WORKSHOP ON BIOLOGICAL SPECIMENS. CONCERNING "INTERCOMPARATIVE PROGRAMS," WILL BERLIN STILL DISCUSS, AND IF SO, WHAT DO THEY EXPECT FROM U.S.? (WE DO NOT PLAN SEPARATE EXPERT PARTICIPATION.)) THAT IS, WE ASSUME ALL OTHER OFFICIALS MENTIONED PARA 1 REFTEL WILL STILL BE COMING, ALL WILL BE HERE BOTH DAYS, AND ALL SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES CONTAINED PROPOSED AGENDA WILL BE WELL COVERED BY EC DELEGATION. PLEASE CONFIRM.

7. RE PARA 4 ABOVE, IN EVENT EC HAS NOT ITSELF NOTED  
THE ERROR, THE THIRD SPECIFIC TOPIC LISTED IN PARA 3,

STATE 110452 SHOULD READ SIMPLY "DELAYED NEUROTOXICITY  
EFFECTS OF PESTICIDES."

8. WE WILL TRANSMIT EARLY NEXT WEEK DETAILED PROPOSED  
SCHEDULE FOR AGENDA, INCLUDING ORDERING OF ITEMS. CHRISTOPHER

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